

About Anna

Anna G. Eshoo was first sworn in as a Member of the United States House of Representatives in 1993, after serving on the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors for 10 years. For more than a decade in Congress she has defended consumers, promoted American competitiveness and innovation, fought for access to health care for families and children, and protected the environment.

Rep. Eshoo has sponsored legislation aimed at "cleaning up the House" to restore the confidence of the American people in their government. She has co-sponsored numerous reform bills to require more transparency and accountability in lobbying, as well as a fairer and more open legislative process.

Rep. Eshoo has authored landmark legislation that has:

- Created the use of electronic signatures, making legally binding digital documents possible and allowing online commerce to flourish;
- Given discounts to schools and libraries to increase public Internet access;
- Provided emergency call centers with funding to obtain the necessary technology to locate mobile phone users when they call 911;
- Promoted better labeling and testing of pharmaceuticals for children;
- Exempted FEMA mitigation grants from income taxes, saving homeowners from being required to pay the government for vital damage prevention;
- Ensured that low-income women who are diagnosed with breast and cervical cancer receive treatment, and requires insurance companies to pay for reconstructive surgery for cancer patients.

Recently, Rep. Eshoo led House Democrats in introducing The Innovation Agenda - A Commitment to Competitiveness to Keep America #1. This comprehensive policy plan was developed in conjunction with leaders from the high technology, biotechnology, academic and venture capital communities.

The Agenda makes a bold and critical national commitment to achieve energy independence for America within the next decade. It calls for legislation to increase investment in research and development to promote sustainable biofuels and hybrid technology. The Agenda calls for the creation of the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Energy, a new laboratory within the Department of Energy to engage in high-risk, high-reward experimentation to yield discoveries of new sustainable energy sources.

Education is a key element of the Innovation Agenda, with a national commitment to:

- Educate 100,000 new scientists, engineers, and mathematicians in the next four years;
- Place a highly qualified teacher in every math and science K-12 classroom;
- Tuition assistance to talented undergraduates;
- Pay for competitive salaries to established teachers working in the fields of math and science;
- Create a special visa for the best and brightest international doctoral and postdoctoral scholars in science, technology, engineering and mathematics;
- Make college tuition tax-deductible for students studying math, science, technology, and engineering.

In January, 2003, Rep. Eshoo was appointed to the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. She has authored legislation to protect our national security and our civil liberties, as well as legislation to require that any surveillance or intelligence gathering be conducted in accordance with the law, requiring court warrants based upon probable cause. Her legislation has also been directed at reforming the Intelligence Community, and increasing human intelligence to better meet the security challenges of the 21st Century.

Rep. Eshoo continues to serve on the powerful House Energy and Commerce Committee, including the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet and the Subcommittee on Health. She co-chairs the Congressional E-911 Caucus and the House Medical Technology Caucus, and serves as Vice Chair of the 21st Century Health Care Caucus.

Rep. Eshoo's work has earned the approval of a wide range of organizations. She consistently receives an 'A' rating from the League of Conservation Voters and recently received a 100% rating from the American Association of University Women for her work to protect educational funding and women's rights. She was honored with the 2006 Government Leadership Award from the Semiconductor Equipment Manufacturing Industry, and the 2006 Inaugural Congressional Award from the American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering.